

E. HOME HEALTH AGENCIES (II-120): PEDIATRIC HOME HEALTH

REVISED STAFF RESPONSE: Staff does not want to continue a policy that is not consistent with what has been promulgated by statute for the State Health Plan. Therefore, Staff proposes the following revision of Standard 7 on page II-120 in order to be consistent with Standard 2 and to reflect that an application will be required for each county:

Because of the limited number of home health providers available to treat children 14 years or younger, an exception to the above criteria may be made for a CON for a Home Health Agency restricted to **providing intermittent the service of pediatric home health skilled nursing services to patients 14 years or younger.** ~~Only one CON application~~ **A separate application is required for each county** ~~will be required~~ for an agency that proposes to provide this specialized service to pediatric patients in multiple counties. ~~;~~ ~~the applicant must specify which counties they propose to provide these services in.~~ The applicant must document that no other agency offers this service in the county of application, and the agency will limit such services to the pediatric population **14 years or younger.** The license for the agency will be restricted to serving children 14 years or younger and will ensure access to necessary and appropriate **intermittent home health skilled nursing services to these patients.** Any such approved agency will not be counted in the county inventories for need projection purposes.